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REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
106 HILLCREST DRIVE
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA 27330

August 4, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 6 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room, First Floor, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present were Amy M. Dalrymple, Dr. Ricky D. Frazier, Dr. Andre Knecht, Charles T. Parks, Kirk D. Smith, and James K. Womack. Commissioner Robert T. Reives was absent at the beginning of the meeting, but arrived later.

Emily Braren from the *Lee County Young Commissioners Leadership Program* called the meeting to order.

Joseph Tozzi from the *Lee County Young Commissioners Leadership Program* delivered the invocation.

Daniela Martinez from the *Lee County Young Commissioners Leadership Program* led the pledge of allegiance.

At this time 4-H Agent Bill Stone provided an overview of the Lee County Young Commissioners Program, an intensive two-week youth leadership program comprised of nine youth from Lee County. The program kicked off Monday July 28th and will run through Friday August 8th. During the two-week program, under the commissioner's mentorship, participants gain valuable leadership skills through hands-on workshops and training while also developing a greater awareness and understanding of local government and relevant issues facing their community. Ginevra Walker, a participant in the program, gave an overview of the first week and invited the Commissioners to attend the program's closing dinner at Carolina Trace Country Club on August 7, 2014. The Young Commissioners then introduced themselves and a group picture was made, along with County Commissioners.

The Board considered additions/changes to the Agenda. Chairman Parks added an additional item, Data Storage Maintenance Agreements, as the third item under new business. With no other changes, Commissioner Womack moved to approve the agenda as amended. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Reives

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the *Consent Agenda* which consisted of the following items:

- Minutes from the July 21 Regular Meeting,
- Tax Releases and Refunds for July 2014 (copy attached).

Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Reives

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

No one signed up to speak during the *Public Comments* section of the meeting.

The Board considered a Lease Agreement and Interlocal Agreement for the Community and Economic Development Joint Use Facility at the Buggy Factory. Commissioner Robert T. Reives arrived shortly after the introduction of this item, at 6:09 p.m. County Manager John Crumpton explained that staff had been working to get the Lease ready for the Board's approval, but that some issues still needed to be addressed before he could recommend approval of the lease. He recommended that the Board delay approval of the Lease until the Sanford-Lee County Partnership for Prosperity could be added to the Lease and given time to consider the terms of the Lease. He also explained that more details needed to be included in the Interlocal Agreement to clarify the parties' responsibilities for payment of rent, utilities, furnishings, etc. After discussion on the terms of the agreements, Commissioner Reives moved to table the Lease Agreement and Interlocal Agreement for the Buggy Factory. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered applications for seven vacancies on the Rest Home-Nursing Home Advisory Board. Commissioner Reives moved that the Board appoint the following individuals to fill the vacancies:

1. Suzanne Rittenhouse
2. Ronald Willett
3. Diane Dowd
4. William Gordon
5. Shirley Clayton
6. Mike Ridenhour
7. Linda Macormic- Alternate Position

Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

At this time, Chairman Parks recognized Dr. Robert Sepe, President of Action Audits, to give a presentation on the proposed acquisition of Time Warner Cable by Comcast. During the presentation, Dr. Sepe expressed concern that the acquisition stands to put North Carolina consumers at the mercy of a monopoly Cable/Voice/Internet Provider should it move forward with no scrutiny from Local/State/Federal offices. Following the presentation, the Board considered a resolution urging the North Carolina Attorney General to examine the impacts of the merger and to act within his authority to protect North Carolina residents from potential negative impacts of the merger. After discussion, Commissioner Womack moved that the Board empower County staff and the Chairman of the Board to add more specific, actionable language to the resolution asking the Attorney General to look out for the interests of Lee County taxpayers. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board then considered an Enterprise Agreement Payment for Microsoft Software Licensing in the amount of \$88,984.44, with 33 percent being covered by Social Services for reimbursement by the State of North Carolina. The agreement covers upgrades, enhancements and licensing for compliance to Microsoft licensing agreements for server operating systems, desktops/laptops, and the County email system. Commissioner Reives moved to approve the payment, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Next, the Board considered a request to approve the renewal of the Maintenance Agreement between DELL/COMPELLENT and Lee County for existing Storage Area Network Environment. The total cost of the renewal is \$37,944.00. Commissioner Womack moved to approve the renewal payment, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

At this time, Chairman Parks recognized Captain John Holley of the Lee County Sheriff's Office to speak on the Sheriff's request to purchase four surplus vehicles from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. The vehicles will be used by the County's school resource officers. The total cost of the four vehicles is \$34,500.00. The Sheriff had budgeted \$45,920.00 for the purchase of two new vehicles in the original FY 14-15 Budget. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the purchase of the vehicles. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board then considered an agreement between the Harnett County Sheriff's Office and the Lee County Sheriff's Office for temporary housing of inmates. Captain Holley explained that an inspection of the County Jail by the North Carolina Division of Health Services revealed that the shower facilities in the jail were noncompliant and needed to be repainted to be in compliance. The agreement would provide funds for the temporary housing of no more than twelve inmates at the Harnett County Detention Center, if necessary, while the jail is being repainted. After discussion, Commissioner Dalrymple moved to approve the agreement, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered Lee County Library's FY 14-15 State Aid to Public Libraries. Library Director Michael Matochik was recognized to give a short overview of the application. Mr. Matochik noted that Lee County's estimated allocation for the year was \$105,128.00. Commissioner Reives moved to approve the application, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Chairman Parks then recognized Commissioner Smith to give an overview of a Resolution to repeal Section 2-31 of the Code of Ordinances, which prohibits concealed handguns on County Property. After reading the Resolution, Commissioner Smith then cited several reasons for his support of the Resolution. Commissioner Smith asked the Board to postpone the vote until the Board's September 8th meeting. Commissioner Dalrymple then asked the County Attorney for information on State and Federal statutes banning the carrying of concealed firearms, even for those with concealed carry permits. The Attorney provided a list of places where concealed firearms are prohibited by State and Federal law and would not be affected by repeal of the County ordinance. Commissioner Frazier expressed concern over having to face armed citizens at public meetings that may react negatively to Board decisions. He also expressed concern for law enforcement officials that may have to face groups of armed citizens in public buildings. In response, Commissioner Womack stated that the current ordinance does not prevent non-law abiding citizens from carrying as it is, and that there is an issue with this because law-abiding citizens are prevented from carrying under the current ordinance. Chairman Parks urged the Board to conduct further research on the issue before voting on it at the next meeting. Mr. Crumpton said that he had asked Commissioner Smith to postpone the vote on the ordinance so that the County employees could listen to the Commissioners' debate and draw their own conclusions on the issue. He said that he had heard from employees on both sides of the issue. He also noted that Henderson, Alamance and Cherokee counties have all allowed concealed carry on County property and that they have not yet had any problems. Commissioner Womack

suggested that an educational component and an incremental implementation may help ease the transition for employees, should the ordinance be repealed. Commissioner Frazier stated opposition to repeal of the current ordinance, regardless of how the implementation would be structured. Commissioner Reives said that, should the ordinance be repealed, those choosing not to carry would be at a greater risk. He expressed concern that gun violence cannot always be predicted by past behavior, and that those with concealed carry permits may also commit acts of violence. No action was taken.

Next, the Board considered a Resolution to award the County Manager educational leave with pay under County Policy F.9, providing him with up to four fully compensated education days per month. Commissioner Womack clarified that the Board was not approving the leave in lieu of a pay increase, but that it was the Board's show of confidence in the Manager and his ability to manage his time wisely and further his education in a manner that benefits the County. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Resolution, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

At this time, the Board took a 10-minute recess. Upon returning from recess, with all members present, the meeting resumed.

The Board considered Budget Amendment #08/04/14/02. County Manager John Crumpton presented said amendment in the Finance Director's absence for the following departments:

Senior Services - To appropriate SHIP Grant funds awarded November 2013 thru September 2014.

E-911 Funds - To appropriate funds needed for the City to connect e911 system to backup system at the courthouse.

Industrial Park Improvements Fund - Allocating funds for easement costs associated with Clyde Rhyne Road.

Commissioner Dalrymple moved to approve *Budget Amendment #08/04/14/02*, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

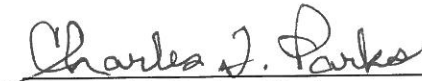
County Manager John Crumpton did not submit a written report, but provided the Board with an update on two items. First, he gave an overview of meetings between the City and County aimed at addressing youth crime and violence in the County. He said that a group of volunteers had identified a large group of at-risk youth, but that they were looking for venues they could use to host activities that would serve as alternatives to crime. Mr. Crumpton told the Board that the

County had offered to make the Bob Hales Center available from 10:00 pm to 2:00 am on the weekends, or as otherwise needed. Mr. Crumpton then informed the Board that the construction of the Clyde Rhyne Road project was complete, but the County was waiting for the North Carolina Department of Transportation to take over maintenance of the road so that it could be opened.

With no additional business to come before the Board, Commissioner Dalrymple moved to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



Charles T. Parks, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Michael James, Deputy Clerk to the Board